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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1684
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SW LI
SUBJECT: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO GOL

1. HAD THE HAPPY EXPERIENCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 31, TO LUNCH WITH OLOF SKOGLUND, COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AT THE SWEDISH MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. THE LUNCHEON WAS ARRANGED THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF SKOGLUND WHO LEARNED THAT I WAS HERE ATTENDING THE UNHRC SUB-COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS, AND SKOGLUND WAS IN GENEVA AS A MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH ECOSOC TEAM.

2. SKOGLUND ADVISED THAT HE WILL BE THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA. HIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH GOL. SKOGLUND SAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN AT THE UN MISSION FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND SERVED EARLIER AT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR SIX YEARS. HE IS VERY MUCH AN ADMIRER OF AMERICA AND OF THE CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY AVAILABLE IN THE WASHINGTON/NEW YORK AREA.

3. HE RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM THAT EVENING FOR A MONTH'S LEAVE PRIOR TO THE UPCOMING UNGA AND SAYS THAT HE WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE MONROVIA "LATE IN THE YEAR." HE
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MAINTAINS A KEEN INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AND

LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT. HE SUGGESTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE THAT HE MAY WORK HARDER THAN HIS PREDECESSOR WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS ONLY A "TRADE/COMMERCIAL TYPE*" (BIAS EXISTS EVEN IN THE EGALITARIAN STATES).

4. HE ADMITS THAT HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE ENJOYED THEIR U.S. ASSIGNMENTS AND WENT ON TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DESCRIBE WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE A VAST IMPROVEMENT IN US/GOS RELATIONS. OFFICIALS AROUND THE UN DESCRIBE HIM TO BE AFFABLE, CAPABLE AND SON OF A PRIOR HIGH-RANKING GOS OFFICIAL (FOREIGN OR PRIME MINISTER). HE DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS A "FARMER" AND WILL BE SPENDING HIS LEAVE ON FAMILY FARMSITUATED ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS FROM STOCKHOLM.

5. STOCKHOLM AND USUN MAY WISH TO ADD FURTHER COMMENTS. CATTO

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